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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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5:10 P.M.

The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Councilman Lively, Chairman, with Councilmen Hakeem, Pierce, Crockett, Taylor, Franklin, Rutherford, and Hurley present. City Attorneys Mike McMahan and Randy Nelson; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Mayor Kinsey, Adm. Boney, Adm. Marcellis, Adm. Traughber, and Adm. Mitchell.

CAPITAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Lively stated this meeting had been set in case anyone had any additional questions or input in regards to the Capital Budget.

Councilman Taylor asked about the timeframe for the Recreation Center Program in Capital Budget appropriations. He asked when work would be started to see results. Mayor Kinsey responded that we immediately need to get to work on this; that this is a huge job for Parks and Recreation, and we have plans for all of these centers. He stated there was lots of work. Councilman Taylor stated that he was concerned about all of the Capital Budget projects and not just those in Parks and Recreation.

Chairman Lively asked about the \$1 million dollars appropriated for sidewalks, stating that he thought this was important. Councilman Pierce asked if there had been any designation for the sidewalks, and Mayor Kinsey responded "no". Councilman Pierce inquired as to how we make a designation. Mayor Kinsey stated that we needed to talk about this; that he thought the idea was sidewalks around the schools. Councilman Pierce stated that we needed to have a meeting immediately on the sidewalks. Councilman Taylor verified that the sidewalks would

be near schools and the surrounding area. Mayor Kinsey responded that the sidewalks were in connection with the schools initially. Councilman Pierce stated that nothing was in concrete.

Attorney Conner asked to speak as a member of the School Board. He mentioned a Facility Task Force that was working on the School system; that if the Mayor and Council would like input from the School Board regarding the sidewalks that they might be able to help, and they would like to. He said he was speaking for his District 7, and he would like to offer this as the Mayor and Council are putting their process together.

Councilman Pierce stated this coordination needed to be with the School Board members that each Council member represents.

Chairman Lively asked if there were any comments or questions dealing directly with the Capital Budget.

Councilman Pierce asked how much money we had for sidewalks, and Mayor Kinsey responded \$500,000.00. Councilman Pierce asked how many sidewalks we could get out of this. Adm. Marcellis stated that it would depend on if we needed curbs and gutters also; that we could get about three miles of curbs and gutters and sidewalks. Councilman Pierce asked how much sidewalk we could get without curbs and gutters. Adm. Marcellis responded 6-7 miles. Mayor Kinsey stated this might be an area where we could look at different money to do curbs and gutters and do them separately from sidewalks; that there would be a minimum of three miles and there could be 6-7 miles of sidewalks.

Councilman Taylor asked if in considering sidewalks and the need was there any Master Plan; if there was any systematic study to work off a sheet. Councilwoman Hurley stated that actually we had never had a Sidewalk Budget before.

Chairman Lively stated if you wanted to see a City without sidewalks to come to his district.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.